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1. CHINA

HUA KUO-FENG ARRIVED THURS IN "POLITICALLY SENSITIVE"
YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, DROVE THRU CROWDS ESTIMATED
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AT 150,000 AFTER BEING GREETED AT SKOPJE AIRPORT BY
MACEDONIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF/OTHER OFFICIALS. EARLIER,
YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS SAID HUA'S VISIT UNCONNECTED W/THEIR
COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS W/ALBANIA/BULGARIA, THAT CONSTITUENT
REPUBLICS VISITED BY FON GUESTS ARE DECIDED ON ROTA BASIS
(REUTER SKOPJE/BELGRADE).

HUA INSPECTED FARMING COMPLEX/MACHINE FACTORY 8/23, EMPHASIZING PRC'S INTEREST IN RAPID MODERNIZATION OF AGRIC/ ECONOMY; CHEERED BY THOUSANDS OF WORKERS AS HE TOURED HUGE COMPLEXES NEAR BELGRADE (REUTER BELGRADE 8/23). WP ITEM REPORTS HUA DUG HANDS INTO ANIMAL FODDER/TASTED FRUIT PRESERVES/SHOT CANDID QUESTIONS TO HOSTS.

"PRAVDA" CHARGED THURS THAT PRC IS TRYING BUILD UP ITS ARMED FORCES W/WESTERN EQUIPMENT AS PART OF LONG-TERM PLAN TO DOMINATE WORLD (REUTER MOSCOW). IN JOINT STATEMENT 8/23,

BREZHNEV AND MONGOLIAN PRES ACCUSED PRC OF STRIVING FOR HEGEMONY ACROSS WORLD BY BUILDING UP TENSION/SETTING FON COUNTRIES AGAINST EACH OTHER (REUTER MOSCOW 8/23).

AP (TOKYO) CITES "KYODO" REPORT THAT CRITICISM OF MAO IS SURFACING IN PRC AS NEW LEADERS PRESS CAMPAIGN OF VILIFICATION OF "GANG OF 4." KYODO QUOTES CCP MEMBER/ GOVT OFFICIAL: "IT IS WRONG TO THINK THAT CHAIRMAN MAO'S HISTORICAL GUIDANCE WAS FAULTLESS," HIS "INFALLIBILITY" IS COMING INCREASINGLY INTO DOUBT. KYODO ADDED THAT CURRENT PRAGMATIC PUSH IN PEKING TO CONNECT POL THEORY W/SOCIAL REALITY, OR "CHANGING CONDITIONS," COULD BE AIMED IN PART AT CLEARING WAY FOR FULL-SCALE REVIEW OF MAO'S THINKING (SUN, PHINQ).

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2. CHINA/JAPAN

IN NOTE HANDED GOJ DIPLOS AT SOVIET EMB IN TOKYO 8/23, SOVIETS SHARPLY CRITICIZED JAPAN FOR CONCLUDING PFT W/PRC, WARNED TOKYO WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR "COMPLICATIONS" THAT ARISE IN ASIA (SUN TOKYO). REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS GOJ, IN "CAUTIOUS RESPONSE" THURS, SAID KREMLIN HAS MIS- UNDERSTOOD NEW TREATY; FONMINISTRY ADDED THAT IT IS CON- TINUING ON EVERY AVAILABLE OCCASION TO EXPLAIN PACT TO RUSSIANS, AND "IT IS REGRETTABLE MOSCOW STILL HAS NOT UNDERSTOOD" TREATY'S "TRUE CHARACTER." BUT FONMINISTRY INFO CHIEF KAGAMI PLAYED DOWN SOVIET COMPLAINT, SAYING IT CONTAINED NOTHING PARTICULARLY NEW/SURPRISING.

REUTER REPORTS FONMINISTRY SOURCES THAT USSR NOT BEING TOUGH AS HAD BEEN FEARED, AND THAT 8/23 PROTEST WAS VERBAL/ NOT WRITTEN, AND "ESSENTIAL MEASURES" SOVIETS PLEDGED TO TAKE WERE WELL SHORT OF ONE-THREATENED "RETALIATORY MEASURES."

JGC CORP, LEADING JAPANESE ENGINEERING CONCERN, SAYS PRC HAS ORDERED 35-MIL-DOL SYNTHETIC LEATHER MANUFACTURING PLANT

FROM GROUP OF JAPANESE FIRMS. DEAL WILL BE FORMALLY SIGNED
IN PEKING 9/1; PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE IN CASH, HALF IN YEN/
REMAINDER IN US DOLS (UPI JOC, TOKYO).

3. JAPAN

UPI (BALT NA 8/23) REPORTS DOE'S DOUGLAS ROBINSON SAYING
CARTER ADMIN MIGHT LOOK FAVORABLY ON EXPORT OF ALASKAN OIL
TO JAPAN IF "ONLY OPTION IS TO LEAVE IT IN THE GROUND."

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN WILL PAY 1.5 BIL DOLS IN
ADVANCE FOR ITS NEXT 9 YRS OF URANIUM IMPORTS FROM US AS

PART OF VOLUNTARY EFFORTS TO CUT ITS HUGE TRADE SURPLUS,
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RESOURCES/ENERGY AGENCY SAID THURS. NOTES AGENCY OFFICIALS
SAID GOJ IS EXPECTED SIGN DEAL ON ENRICHED URANIUM IN US
FRI.

FONMINISTRY SAID THURS JAPAN IS TIGHTENING SECURITY ON ITS
DIPLOS BY SENDING 50 MORE POLICE/MIL OFFICERS ABROAD TO
GUARD AGAINST ATTACKS BY JRA GUERRILLAS. INFO CHIEF
KAGAMI TOLD NEWS CONF NEW REINFORCEMENTS WILL BRING NUMBER
OF GUARDS AT 71 JAPANESE MISSIONS TO 82; BUT HE WOULD NOT
NAME COUNTRIES INVOLVED OR SAY WHETHER GUARDS WOULD BE
ARMED (REUTER TOKYO).

WSJ (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S DEFENSE AGENCY IS ASKING SPEND
EQUIVALENT OF RECORD 7.3 BIL DOLS IN ITS NEXT FY. NOTES
THAT EVEN IN TERMS OF YEN, REQUESTED APPROPRIATION REPRE-
SENTS 12.3 PCT INCREASE FROM BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING NEXT
MAR 31, AND AMOUNT MAKES JAPAN ONE OF BIGGEST DEFENSE
SPENDERS.

TOSHIBA/RANK ORGANIZATION LTD SAY THEY HAVE AGREED ESTABLISH
JOINT VENTURE TO MANUFACTURE TV/AUDIO PRODUCTS IN BRITAIN
(WSJ).

4. CHINA/VIETNAM/KAMPUCHEA

AP (HANOI, SUN) SAYS SERENITY THAT FOLLOWED COLLAPSE SAIGON
HAS BEEN REPLACED BY AGGRESSIVE HANOI MOOD AGAINST
KAMPUCHEA/CHINA. NOTES 3-STORY BILLBOARD NEAR CITY CENTER
SHOWS ARMORED VEHICLES W/MISSILES, JETS OVERHEAD, SOLDIER
W/BINOCULARS; LOUDSPEAKERS BLARE LATEST NEWS OF NEGOTS
W/CHINESE/OF FIGHTING W/KAMPUCHEA; UNIFORMS/SECURITY
GUARDS/POLICE ABUNDANT. SAYS OFFICIALS WON'T GIVE DETAILS,
BUT SAY THERE MUST BE PRECAUTIONS TAKEN "IN ALL ACTIVITIES."
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5. CHINA/AUSTRALIA

"PEOPLE'S DAILY" THURS HAILED MIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA OF HUNDREDS OF RESIDENT BEETLES FROM YANGTZE RIVER VALLEY WHO WILL HELP CLEAN AUSTRALIA'S VAST PASTURE LANDS/CLEAR COUNTRY OF FLIES THAT BREED IN COW DROPPINGS. AUSSIE EMB OFFICIALS SAID "MIGRATION" FOLLOWED JUNE PRC VISIT BY MEMBER OF CSIRO WHICH HAS SPENT 10 YRS SEEKING CONSUMERS OF COW DROPPINGS. PAPER EXPLAINED THAT MANY AUSSIE ANIMALS, SUCH AS CATTLE, WERE INTRODUCED FROM ABROAD, BUT NOT BEETLES "THAT COULD CLEAN AWAY THEIR DUNG" (PRITCHETT, REUTER PEKING).

6. AUSTRALIA

GOA REPORTS IT RAISED RECORD 872 MIL DOLS FROM ITS 1ST CASH BOND ISSUE IN 23 MONTHS--GOOD START IN FINANCING GOVT DEFICIT OF MORE THAN 3.7 BIL DOLS (UPI SYDNEY, JOC).

7. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

GROUP 33 REFUGEES PICKED UP IN S CHINA SEA WK AGO STILL ON BOARD SINGAPORE-REGISTERED BULK CARRIER. UNHCR SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY TO APPEALS MADE TO SEVERAL EMBS TO FIND HOMES FOR THEM (AFP WP, SINGAPORE).

MEANWHILE, US NAVY FRIGATE WHIPPLE PUT INTO HK THURS W/401 VIET REFUGEES SAVED IN DRAMATIC RESCUE OPRN JUST BEFORE THEIR FISHING JUNK SANK IN S CHINA SEA. REUTER'S MAJENDIE (HK) QUOTES US CONSULAR OFFICIALS THAT REFUGEES, AGED 1 TO 95, WERE WINCHED ABROAD IN HEAVY SEAS DURING TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR ON TUES. SAID FISHING BOAT SANK JUST AFTER 2-HR RESCUE COMPLETED. HK, WHICH MAJENDIE SAYS HAS RECEIVED 3,000 REFUGEES THIS YR, HAD BUSIEST DAY SO FAR AS ANOTHER 157 PICKED UP THURS BY MARINE POLICE LAUNCH IN HK WATERS.

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ALL EXPECTED BE RESETTLED BY UNHCR.

ACCORDING REUTER'S MELUNSKY (BANGKOK), FRESH WAVE OF CAMBODIANS HAS FLED INTO E THAILAND OVER PAST FEW DAYS, MARKING SIGNIFICANT RISE IN NUMBER OF BORDER CROSSINGS. W/150 CAMBODIANS ARRIVING SINCE SAT, SOURCE SAID, "THIS IS QUITE DEFINITELY A CHANGE IN THE PICTURE."

8. NEW ZEALAND

GONZ HAS BANNED POL ACTIVITIES BY S AFRICAN STUDENTS IN WHAT GOVT CRITICS CHARGE IS PARTICULARLY BAD PIECE OF POL TIMING. CSM'S CARTHEW (WELLINGTON 8/23) SAYS NATL PARTY GOVT SLAPPED BAN ON STUDENTS JUST DAYS AFTER NIGERIA W/DREW FROM COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN CANADA BECAUSE OF ALLEGED CON-TACTS W/S AFR BY NZ SPORTS BODIES. TIMING, HE SAYS, COMPOUNDED IMPRESSION THAT GONZ HAS RACIST TENDENCIES/IS NOT FULLY COMMITTED TO OPPOSING APARTHEID. SAYS STUDENTS ASSOC HAS WANTED AS CONDITION FOR SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION AGREEMENT ALLOWING STUDENTS SPEAK IN PUBLIC WHILE IN NZ.

9. PACIFIC ISLANDS

IN UNPRECEDENTED COURT DECISION, RULING COOK ISLS PARTY HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM POWER AFTER BRIBERY SCANDAL. CASE CHARGED CORRUPTION IN MARCH ELECTION IN WHICH BOTH PARTIES RUNNING FLEW IN EXPATRIATE VOTERS FROM NZ--FREE OF CHARGE,

.O RULING PARTY SUPPORTERS. CSM'S CARTHEW (WELLINGTON) NOTES WHILE COOK ISLS BECAME IND IN '65, STILL DEPENDS HEAVILY ON NZ FOR AID/FON AFFAIRS/DEF ASSISTANCE. SAYS RELS STRAINED IN RECENT YRS AS FORMER PREMIER, SIR ALBERT HENRY, FREQUENTLY ATTACKED NZ'S HANDLING OF ISLAND ISSUES. UNCLASSIFIED

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NOTES NEW PREMIER (FORMER NASA EMPLOYEE, TOM DAVIS) HAD BEEN THWARTED SINCE '71 IN ATTEMPTS UNSEAT SIR ALBERT.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. KAMPUCHEA

ACCORDING WSTAR EDIT (8/23), SEN MCGOVERN (D-DS) IS UN-DOUBTEDLY RIGHT WHEN HE SAYS PEOPLE ARE LIKELY MISUNDER- STAND HIS CALL FOR MIL INTERVENTION IN KAMPUCHEA. CONTENTS, HOWEVER, IS POSSIBLE TO CLARIFY HIS CLARIFICATIONS AND SEE INTERNAL CONSISTENCY IN HIS REASONING. SAYS IMPT TO REMEMBER HIS BELIEF THAT CIVIL LIBERTIES IN KAMPUCHEA DIRECT LEGACY OF VN WAR. SAYS HIS READINESS SEE FIENDISHNESS IN PP JUST SHOWS HOW WELL HE KNOWS DIFFERENCE BETWN REPRESSIVE TOTALITARIAN COMMUNISTS/POPULARLY SUPPORTED PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES.

BGLOBE EDIT (8/23) TAKES VIEW THAT NO ONE CAN BE COMFORTED BY WHAT MCGOVERN SAID, FOR HE FOCUSSED CRITICAL ATTENTION ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN KAMPUCHEA. OPINES PERHAPS PRC CAN BRING INCREASED PRESSURE TO BEAR ON PP--INDEED, MUST

DEMONSTRATE MAX EFFORT TO CURTAIL ACTIVITY THERE AS IT MOVES TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN INTL COMMUNITY. ALSO ENDORSES SUGGESTION THAT INTL EFFORTS TO PRESSURE KAMPUCHEA BE ATTEMPTED. ADMITS, HOWEVER, BY MOST ASSESSMENTS, NEITHER APPROACH IS LIKELY BRING SUCCESS.

11. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

IN ANOTHER ARTICLE FROM SEASIA, SUN'S PARKS (BANGKOK 8/23) NOTES THAT REFUGEES FLEEING INDOCHINA AT FASTER RATE THAN CAN BE ABSORBED. QUOTES UNHCR OFFICIAL THAT FOR EVERY REFUGEE RESETTLED, 8 OR 9 MORE ARRIVE. IN TALKING W/ INCREASED NUMBER FROM KAMPUCHEA, LEARNED THEY ARE NOW CONVINCED PP REGIME WAS SERIOUS WHEN IT WARNED THAT AS UNCLASSIFIED

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MANY AS 3 OUT OF EVERY 4 CAMBODIANS MIGHT BE ELIMINATED IN BLDG NEW SOCIETY. NOTES VIETS, LARGELY MIDDLE CLASS W/ SKILLS/MANY SPEAKING ENGLISH/FRENCH, ARE PROVING EASIEST TO RESETTLE.

12. CHINA

BALT NA EDIT (8/23) SAYS "CHINA'S MESSAGE TO MOSCOW IS CLEAR," AS HUA CONTINUES EUR TRIP "FLEXING HIS POLITICAL MUSCLES UNDER THE VERY NOSE OF THE KREMLIN": "CHINESE ARE CAPABLE OF A LITTLE ENCIRCLING THEMSELVES." OBSERVES "COMMUNIST CHINA ISN'T KNOWN AS THE WORLD'S GREATEST PEACEMAKER," AND HUA'S STATEMENTS "MUST BE VIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF SELF-SERVING POLICIES THEY ENUNCIATE. THEY WILL SERVE A PURPOSE, HOWEVER, IF THEY REMIND US ONCE AGAIN OF THE BRUTALITY OF EXPANSIONIST POLICIES, AND OF MILITARY OPPRESSION BY ANY NATION."

CSM'S HARSCH CITES "TWO PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT DATES" IN SINO-SOVIET-JAPANESE RELS: FAILURE OF 1/76 SOVIET EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE PFT W/GOJ; AND 8/78 PRC SUCCESS IN DOING SO. SAYS SOVIETS' INABILITY TO GIVE UP LAND HAS SPOILED RECONCILIATION W/TOKYO, ENFLAMES RUSSIAN RELS W/PRC, MAKES TRUE RECONCILIATION W/WEUR IMPOSSIBLE. "IT IS ONE REASON MOSCOW IS NOT LIKELY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD TOMORROW--OR EVER."

WITHER EMERGENCE OF PRC'S NEW ACTIVE GLOBAL POLICY SYMBOLIZED BY CURRENT HUA JOURNEY, SAYS WP'S DODER (MOSCOW), SOVIETS APPEAR ALARMED BY WHAT THEY SEE AS EXTREMELY GRAVE CHALLENGE TO THEIR INTERESTS. SAYS IN SOVIET EYES, CHIEF VILLAIN OF NEW CHINESE "ENCIRCLEMENT" POLICY IS BRZEZINSKI. BUT OBSERVES THAT PEKING'S AMBITION TO CREATE BROAD UNCLASSIFIED

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"UNITED FRONT" AGAINST SOVIET BECOMES MATTER OF FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN IN MOSCOW ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY SINO-US NORMALIZATION; CITES SOVIET OFFICIALS SAYING PRIVATELY THAT THIS STEP WOULD LEAD TO BOTH FOR POL/DOMESTIC ADJUSTMENTS. INTERPRETS OFFICIALS AS SUGGESTING THAT US MAY SHARE TEMPORARY STRATEGIC INTERESTS W/PEKING, BUT LONG-TERM US INTEREST LIES IN COOP W/KREMLIN IN SECURING STABLE INTL ENVIRONMENT.

CSM'S BOURNE (SKOPJE) SEES HUA'S EUR TOUR PROVING SO SUCCESSFUL THAT "ALARMED" SOVIET IS SWITCHING TO OFFENSIVE AFTER INITIALLY "PLAYING IT COOL." FINDS CHINESE, IN TURN, DERIVING IMMENSE SATISFACTION FROM 1ST EUR CONTACTS, AND NOW SEEMS WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE OTHER TOURS FOLLOW.

LAT'S TRIMBORN (BELGRADE 8/23) NOTES HINT OF DIFFERENCE EMERGED IN "COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" BETWEEN HUA AND TITO TUES. SAYS "TANJUG'S DESCRIPTION OF TALKS BEING HELD IN "ATMOSPHERE OF OPENNESS, CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL RESPECT" IS "CONSIDERABLY COOLER" THAN THAT APPLIED TO INITIAL HUA-TITO MTG SHORTLY AFTER CHRMN'S BELGRADE ARRIVAL 8/21. RE-

CALLS TANJUG HAD DESCRIBED INITIAL MTG, WHICH PROBABLY DID NOT DEAL W/SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, AS BEING HELD IN "EXTREMELY WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE." ALSO, CITES ADDITIONAL HINTS 2 COMMUNIST LEADERS MIGHT NOT SEE EYE-TO-EYE ON POLICIES THAT HAVE SPLIT COMMUNIST WORLD/DEEPLY ANGERED KREMLIN.

SUN'S RESS CITES RECENT REPORTS FROM BALTIC EXCHANGE IN LONDON THAT PRC IS BECOMING ONE OF MOST ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN WORLD SHIP CHARTERING MRKTS. QUOTES SHIP-BROKER TC SPIGELMIRE, OF BALT SHIPBROKER "JS CONNER, INC," THAT WHILE CHINESE ARE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN MRKT TODAY, "THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE ENOUGH TO HAVE A MORE THAN NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON CHARTER PRICES."

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CHAS ABRAMS, WHO HEADS NY-BASED "CHINA TRADE CORP," NOTES KANDEL/GREER (CHITRIB), HAS FOR LAST 6 YRS BEEN "LONELY APOSTLE" OF "REVERSE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM" ON DOING BUSINESS W/PRC--INSTEAD OF EYEING CHINA AS HUGE VIRGIN MRKT HUNGRY FOR CONSUMER GOODS, ABRAMS VIEWS IT AS POTENTIALLY TREMENDOUS PRODUCER OF ITEMS THAT CAN BE PROFITABLY SOLD

IN WEST. ABRAMS THINKS ALSO THAT PRC WILL BE ABLE COMPETE W/JAPAN ON WORLD MRKT IN TERMS OF TECHNOLOGICAL/CONSUMER PRODUCTS.

13. MALAYSIA

IN TIME OF QUIET/PROSPERITY FOR MALAYSIA, WP'S MATHEWS (HK 8/23) SAYS MANY WONDER HOW LONG IT WILL LAST W/ETHNIC DIVISIONS BUILDING UP FRUSTRATION. CITES CASE OF ETHNIC CHINESE/INDIANS WHO MAKE UP NEARLY HALF POP WHOSE RTS OF RESIDENCE/OCCUPATION OFTEN HARD TO COME BY. OBSERVES PM SEEMS CAPABLE OF HANDLING SLUGGISH MIX OF POLITICS/CORRUPTION, BUT IT'S RELIGIOUS ISSUE THAT MOST FRIGHTENS HIM/OTHER POLITICIANS. NOTES THAT DESPITE THEIR CONTROL OF GOVT/THEIR POSITION AS LARGEST ETHNIC GROUP IN COUNTRY, ISLAMIC MALAYS STILL NOT NEARLY SO WELL OFF AS THEIR CHINESE NEIGHBORS.

14. CHINA/VIETNAM

SUN EDIT NOTES THAT NORMALIZATION W/VN IS NO LONGER OBJECT OF CARTER ADMIN THAT SRV THWARTS; IT IS DESPERATE OBJECTIVE OF HANOI REGIME. PREDICTS NEGOTS AT UNGA MAY WELL SUCCEED. CALLS THIS TURN OF EVENTS BY-PRODUCT OF CHINA'S DIPLO OFFENSIVE. AS CHINA DREADS ISOLATION BY USSR, SAYS VN FEARS IT BY CHINA. SAYS HANOI WOULD DO WRONG TO TAKE HEART FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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SEN MCGOVERN'S SUGGESTION ABOUT TOPPLING KAMPUCHEA; NOTES "FAILING" VN EFFORT NOW UNDERWAY WHICH RISKS WIDER WAR BY

DRAWING CHINA IN. OPINES DOS "PROPERLY QUICK" TO REPUDIATE MCGOVERN. CONCLUDES US HAS NO BUSINESS IN CHINA'S POCKET AGAINST VN OR VICE VERSA.

15. VIETNAM

SFO CHRON (8/16) PRAISES PASSING OF FON AID BILL IN HOUSE, WHICH BROUGHT CARTER GOOD VICTORY. THO THERE IS DOUBT VOTE AGAINST IDA EXTENDING AID TO VN CAN BLOCK 60-MIL-DOL LOAN FOR VN ALREADY APPROVED, SAYS LOAN SHOULDN'T BE THAT OBJECTIONABLE, SINCE HAK/NIXON ENDED WAR W/PROMISE OF 4.5 BIL DOLS IN ECON AID TO VN.

16. PACIFIC ISLANDS

LAT'S HILLINGER (SANTO) DOES FEATURE ON NEW HEBRIDES TOWN US FORCES LEFT BEHIND WHICH STILL USES QUONSET HUTS/WWII JEEPS/41 GMC TRUCKS/US-BUILT ROADS/TELEPHONE WIRES/HARBOR PIERS/FENCING. SAYS WHEN US PULLED OUT, IT ASKED MIL DOLS

FOR EQUIPMENT IT WAS LEAVING BEHIND. WHEN GOVT REFUSED, US DUMPED IT IN SEA NOW KNOWN AS MIL DOL POINT. FOR YRS AFTER, DIVERS FISHED OUT EQUIP, RECONDITIONED/SOLD IT-- FOR FAR IN EXCESS OF MIL DOLS. CONCLUDES FOR RARE VISITING AMERICAN, SANTO IS UNCANNY RETURN TO STYLE OF LIFE QUARTER-CENTURY OLD (WP 8/22).

IN ANOTHER ARTICLE FROM PACIFIC, SUN'S MARTIN (ENIWETAK 8/22) VISITS MARSHALL ISLS. NOTES US, HAVING BLASTED ATOLL W/43 NUKE BOMB TESTS BETWN '48 AND '58, IS NOW TRYING PUT IT BACK TOGETHER SO ITS DISPLACED RESIDENTS CAN COME HOME AGAIN. OBSERVES 1,000 PEOPLE--WEARING PLUTONIUM-PROOF FACE MASKS--CLEARING AWAY TWISTED/RUSTED METAL/OTHER DEBRIS, CHECKING FOR RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION, SCRAPING UNCLASSIFIED

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UP/DISPOSING OF CONTAMINATED SOIL, PREPARING PLANT COCONUT TREES/BUILD HOUSES. SAYS OFFICIAL ESTIMATES OF 3-YR PROJECT HIGH AS 100 MIL DOLS--ABOUT 200,000 DOLS FOR EACH OF 500 RESIDENTS.

MARTIN SAYS RESIDENTS' LAWYER HAS ARGUED THAT COSTS OF RESTORING ATOLL OUGHT BE CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF VALUE TO US NATL SECURITY. NOTES OBVIOUS QUESTION ABOUT ENIWETAK PROJECT ARISES FROM RECENTLY-ACKNOWLEDGED FAILURE OF EARLIER CLEAN-UP ON BIKINI. CITES AT LENGTH REASONS GIVEN FOR HOPED-FOR SUCCESS OF ENIWETAK PROJECT.

17. GENERAL

CHITRIB (8/22) POINTS OUT CONTROVERSY WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM UPI HELEN THOMAS' REPORT THAT RMN PLANNING ACCEPT

INVITES TO VISIT PRC/OTHER FON COUNTRIES. SAYS IMPLICATION IS THAT THIS IS STEP TOWARD RETURNING TO PUBLIC LIFE. CONTENTS THAT TO EXTENT NIXON CAN PERSUADE WORLD REMEMBER HIM FOR MORE THAN WATERGATE, HE WILL REPAIR SOME OF DAMAGE HE DID WH. CONCLUDES HE IS ENTITLED TO CHANCE TO BE HEARD. CHRISTOPHER

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